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Examiner	Aravind K. Moorthy
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For	HARDWARE-ORIENTED CONFIGURATION AND LOCKING OF DEVICES

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action dated October 24, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the Claims as set forth in Appendix A attached hereto..

REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider his rejection of claims 1 - 11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The basis for the insertion of the language "...said authorization comprising temporary deactivation which adds authorization patterns prior to said operation" is found in the specification on page 17, lines 9 - 17. The basis for the "split key" (i.e., public key/private key procedures) is found inherently in the specification in terms of its description of the invention. (See specification page 6, lines 20 - 32) The typical SSL Certificate consists of a public key and a private key. In the present invention, the public key is used to encrypt information and the private key is used to decipher it.